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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ESPIONAGE CASE-VROMAN, ROBERT

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 515; (B) STATE 024329 (C) BUCHAREST 0552

1. DURING CALL FEBRUARY 10 ON MINISTER OF INTERIOR EMIL BOBU, AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT OF VROMAN CASE AND SOLICITED MINISTER'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SPECIFIC CHARGES.
2. BOBU INITIALLY OBSERVED THAT BECAUSE CASE UNDER JURISDICTION OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE HE WAS ONLY GENERALLY AWARE OF SUBJECT AND CERTAIN NATIONAL-SECURITY CASES ARE HANDLED IN SECRET. AFTER SOME SLIGHT NUDGING HIS MEMORY IMPROVED AND HE RECALLED THAT VROMAN IS CHARGED WITH INVOLVEMENT WITH AN ENGINEER-TRANSLATOR IN BAIE MARE NAMED FRANCIS BAN (PRESUMABLY SAME BAN NAMED IN PARA 3, STATE 024329). BAN ALLEGEDLY PASSED VROMAN STATE SECRETS CONCERNING ROMANIAN MINING OR MINERAL DEPOSITS. INVESTIGATORS ALSO FOUND IN BAN'S POSSESSION AN OLD PASSPORT BELONGING TO VROMAN, RAISING QUESTION OF HIS POSSIBLE FLIGHT AT SOME POINT IN FUTURE. BOBU ALSO VAGUELY REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY THERE MIGHT BE OTHER DOCUMENTS WHICH VROMAN IS CHARGED WITH TAKING OUT OF COUNTRY.
3. INTERIOR MINISTER AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR'S POINT THAT IN INSTANCE OF THIS TYPE, BEST WAY TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY BILATERAL

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RELATIONSHIP IS TO MAKE CHARGES KNOWN. BOBU UNDERTOOK TO

INTERCEDE WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO ENABLE EMBASSY TO OBTAIN
MORE INFORMATION ON CASE WHICH WOULD IN TURN ENABLE VROMAN TO
ANSWER CHARGES. HE SAID FROM WHAT HE KNEW OF CASE THIS SHOULD
BE POSSIBLE.
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